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Message:

Enclosed please find the Response to Final Office Action dated December 30, 2005.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Xie, et al.**

Serial No.: 10/673,597

Filed: September 29, 2003

For: **Slurry-Less Polishing for Removal of  
Excess Interconnect Material During  
Fabrication of a Silicon Integrated  
Circuit**

Art Unit: 2812

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.